

IT'S RETREAT TIME!

February has ended and March is here, which means only one thing:

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Oh yes, it is that wonderful time of year when Ambassadors from all over the state gather at Epworth by the Sea on beautiful Saint Simons Island for a week of fun, food and fellowship. The event begins on Tuesday, April 18 and ends on Friday, April 21.

Whether it's your first time or your 25th time, we guarantee you will have a lot of fun. With two excursions, horseshoe tournament, bean bag toss tournament, the Ellie Room, nightly entertainment and hundreds of your closest Ambassador friends, there's never a dull moment.

Registration ends March 31st. If you are planning on attending, there's still time to get your form in. See your chapter President or contact the State Office for a packet.

We'll see you at Retreat!



Altamaha

The Altamaha chapter continues changing their community for residents in need of easy access both in and out of their homes by providing ramps. The crews have built twenty one ramps already this year. Thanks Altamaha and Open Doors, Inc. for all you are doing in and around your community each and every day!









Columbus

For more than 30 years, the Columbus chapter has hosted, prepared and served dinner for Girls, Inc.'s Annual Valentine Mother Daughter Spaghetti Banquet. Girls Inc. of Columbus provides after school and full day summer programs, as well as, year round sports program each year for more than 1,500 girls in the community. In February, the organization holds an annual banquet for the girls and their families. The highlight of the evening is the talent show presented by the girls.

The Columbus Ambassadors assisted with the dinner portion by preparing, cooking and serving the meal to at least 100 people. Twenty-one volunteers were present for this year's event. Thank you Columbus!



Golden Isles

The Golden Isles chapter recently volunteered at MAP International in Brunswick to help assemble disaster health kits for the victims of the tornadoes in South Georgia. Twelve volunteers from the chapter took part in the process. Thank you Golden Isles for helping those out who were in need after the storms.







Sinclair-Oconee

State President Garnett Grubb recently played host at Sinclair-Oconee where they had a day of fun and games. Each month, chapter members bring in a canned food donation for the surrounding food banks. They choose a different organization each time from their area because they know the need is so great. The chapter brings in close to 100 pounds a month in donations. Thank you Sinclair Oconee for helping to feed those in your area who otherwise would be without!







Metro Central

The Metro Central chapter assembled toiletry kits after their chapter meeting this month for 7 Bridges. 7 Bridges is a charity that ministers to the homeless living under the bridges in Metro Atlanta. Approximately 120 bags were completed with soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths and other toiletry items. Thanks to all the members for their donation of items, as well as, staying after to help assemble the packages.







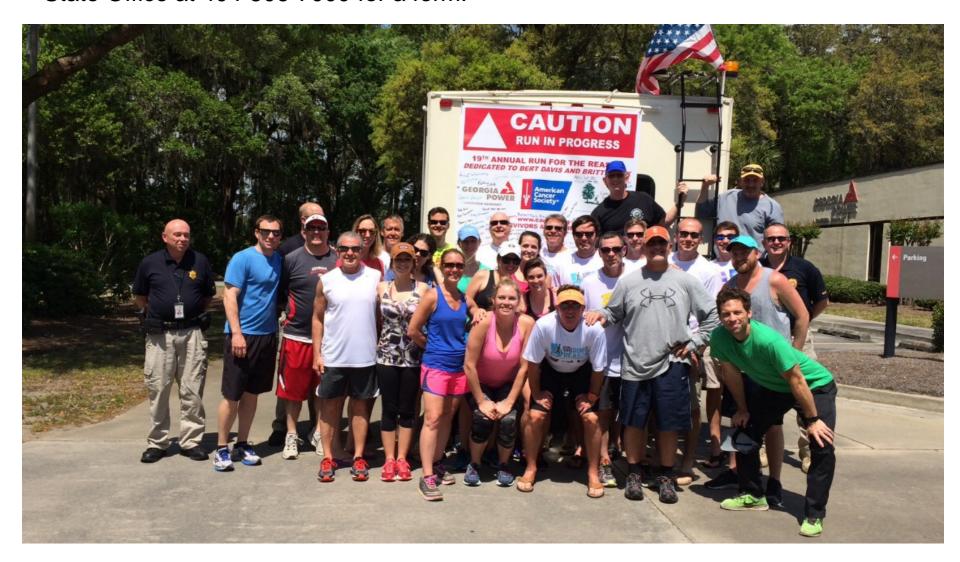




Community Impact Through Partnerships

Statewide

Every year, Georgia Power Company sponsors a "Run for the Reason" team for the American Cancer Society. The team runs relay style for four days straight to raise awareness and funds to help battle the disease that so many of us have been touched by either thru family or friends. The Ambassador chapters assist the team as they make their journey from Atlanta to Saint Simons Island via donations and/or support by sending out members to be cheerleaders for the team as they pass by certain locations on the route. Since 2005, the Ambassadors have donated close to \$35,000 in support of the team and the American Cancer Society. The "Run for the Reason" team expresses their tremendous appreciation to all Ambassador Chapters and members who have supported them as they gear up for the 2017 event. If you would like to donate to the team, there's still time. Please see your chapter President or contact the State Office at 404-506-7000 for a form.



Together, we can win the battle against cancer!



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Rome

Members of the Rome Ambassadors recently partnered with the Rome Chapter, the Northwest GA Mountain chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power and the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers to host the 2017 MATHCOUNTS NW Regional finals. Volunteers handled registration along with the distribution, monitoring and grading of the tests. The Mathletes" team from LaFayette Middle School was the overall winner for the event. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the event a success.







Chapter Happenings

Northeast GA

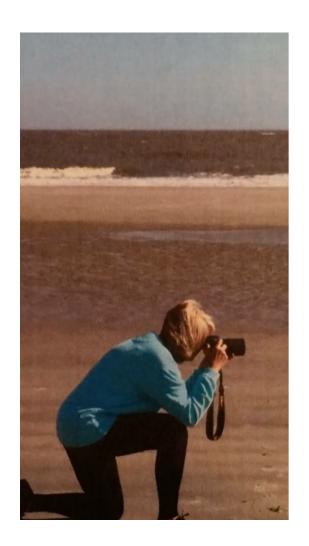




The Northeast GA chapter recently recognized two of their members for their unending support of the Ambassadors. Annette Woodall (top), age 97 and Marie Embry, age 96, were both recognized on their birthdays this year. Chapter President, Jane Bingham said, "These two ladies, who are both charter members for the chapter, are an inspiration to the rest of us and we are truly blessed by their friendship."

Thank you Ms. Woodall and Ms. Embry, for all that you have done and continue to do for our organization.

Gail Johnson



Historic Tri City, GA will be displaying the wonderful nature photos taken by our own, Gail Johnson, 2017 Director at Large, in the Twin City Municipal Building. The city hosted a "Meet and Greet" with Johnson on March 9th. Her photos will be on display all month long. Johnson took home first place honors last year for Cloudland Canyon State Park's photo contest. Way to go Gail!













Interested in Becoming a Georgia Power Ambassador?

Georgia Power Ambassadors is a network of retirees and their spouses committed to caring and sharing within their communities through active volunteerism and community support.

The purpose of the organization is to promote a means of friendly association, foster continuing fellowship and provide service to the community, while maintaining communication between retirees and Georgia Power. Support from our Ambassadors is vital in helping Georgia Power be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve."

Membership allows you continued association with Georgia Power and connection to over 2,000 members in over 19 chapters statewide. There are service project opportunities, travel opportunities and company information updates available, so why not join today?

For more information on membership and chapter locations, please contact the State Ambassadors Office at 404-506-7000 or 1-800-442-8158.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!









2017 Chapter Leadership

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Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	Alan Wolfe	4 th Thursday
Athens	Dianne Ussery	1 st Thursday
Augusta	James Ford	2 nd Tuesday
Columbus	Suzanne Corley	3 rd Monday
Golden Isles	Tean Jackson	3 rd Tuesday
Heart of Georgia	Felix King	3 rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Zann Hayes	2 nd Tuesday
Metro East	Jim & Alma Proffitt	4 th Wednesday
Metro North	Tom Powell	2 nd Thursday
Metro South	Dan Tillirson	2 nd Monday
Metro West	Bill Grant	2 nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Jane Bingham	4 th Wednesday
Rome	Steve Nance	2 nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Diana Hodges	4 th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	Sam McChesney	2 nd Wednesday
South Georgia	Donna Smith	3 rd Tuesday**
Southwest Georgia	Tommy Norman	3 rd Thursday
Statesboro	Verna Bennett	3 rd Wednesday
West Georgia	Russell Spence	1 st Tuesday

- *Meeting every other month beginning with even months
- **Meeting every other month beginning with odd months